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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW - UNITS OF PARAGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES

REF: A. 07 STATE 110255
[1](#)B. 07 ASUNCION 560
[1](#)C. ASUNCION 400
[1](#)D. 05 STATE 225765
[1](#)E. 03 STATE 3491
[1](#)F. 99 STATE 103806
[1](#)G. 99 STATE 85377

[1](#)1. Embassy has reviewed its internal files and records in accordance with standardized vetting procedures and finds no derogatory information on the following unit commanders of the Riverine Customs Unit (DETAVE) of the Paraguayan security forces that are intended recipients of U.S. training. This cable requests that the Department re-vet DETAVE Operations Commander Epifanio Gonzalez Lopez, who was previously vetted on August 8, 2007 (refs A and B), and DETAVE Investigations Commander Alejandro Benitez Romero, who has never been vetted. DETAVE is scheduled to participate in a Joint Combined Exercise Training with USSOUTHCOM'S Naval Special Warfare Unit from August 20, 2008, until October 7, 2008 (ref C).

[1](#)2. Candidate name: Epifanio Gonzalez Lopez
DOB: April 1, 1959
POB: Isla Yacyreta, Paraguay
Nationality: Paraguayan

[1](#)3. Candidate name: Alejandro Benitez Romero
DOB: April 24, 1960
POB: Asuncion, Paraguay
Nationality: Paraguayan

[1](#)4. Embassy requests State Department vetting of the above units (or person) so that the planned training and material support can move forward.

[1](#)5. POC for this request is Embassy Asuncion Human Rights Officer Michael Edwards, telephone: 011-595-21-213-715, e-mail: edwardsmg@state.gov.

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